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# INTRODUCTION

## PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK

Several years ago when I first started researching the Earl family, Roy Crawford of North Canton, Ohio, a distant cousin and fellow worker in this task, told me about his previous efforts in this area. He had traced our common Earl ancestor back to the 1760s in Pennsylvania, and noted that there were several regions where the Earl name appeared in that state during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It would be a challenge to sort through these people, and find our particular Earl ancestors. Since then our informal research group has grown to over 20 people.

During these years a large amount of information has been reviewed, and it may be helpful to summarize what is now known about this family. Aside from tracing my own particular descent from an Earl ancestor, this book will provide a list of resources which may be of interest to future researchers. Also, several related Earl families are described. Finally, I want to pose questions which currently are unanswered, in the hope that others may be able to carry this effort further.

I want to give special thanks to Judith N. Parsons for her expert help in the preparation of this manuscript.

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More complete details about dates, locations, and other family members, can be found in my submission to the Website of the LDS Church, called "Family Search Internet Genealogy Service" which is available at the time of this writing at: <http://32.96.111.13/default.asp>.

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# 1

## MY EARL ANCESTRY

**A**nna Frances Earl was my grandmother. She died when I was 21 years old, and like most young people, I never asked her anything about the origins of the Earl family name. She was born 20 July 1879 in Union Township of Wells County, Indiana. Her courtship by her eventual husband, Ernest Valentine Miller, appears to have been stormy; family tradition has it that after a particularly vigorous argument, Ernest became so mad that he enlisted in the Army in 1898, and went off to the Spanish American War.<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Anna decided to take charge of her future and left home to get a teaching certificate at Valparaiso College in northwest Indiana. She finished her studies about 1902, taught school for awhile, and finally patched up the relationship with Ernest, marrying him on 3 March 1904 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Pleasant Township, Allen County, Indiana.

Anna and her husband had two daughters. Florence Bawn Miller was born 27 March 1905, and my mother, Esther Alice Miller, was born 12 Oct 1911 at Keystone, Chester Township, Wells County, Indiana. At the time Esther was born, her father Ernest had already been diagnosed with a brain tumor and my grandmother once told me that although Esther had not been a planned child, she was nonetheless well loved after her arrival. When Ernest died 5 July 1914, there was no safety net of government social services as we have today, and Anna Frances Earl Miller moved her family

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to Battle Creek, Michigan in order to find employment that would support her family of three. In Battle Creek she worked as a school teacher and as a telephone operator. In her later years she lived in the homes of her two married daughters. She died 1 December 1965 in Ann Arbor, Michigan and is buried at Memorial Gardens, Territorial Road, Battle Creek, Michigan.

The parents of Anna Frances Earl were James K. Earl and Matilda Jane McAfee, who married 4 December 1871 in Wells County, Indiana. Matilda was born 31 August 1848 in Wooster Township of Wayne County, Ohio, and died 8 September 1902. She is buried at the Murray Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana. Matilda had been a school teacher in Wells County, and boarded with the parents of James K. Earl. James K. Earl was born 24 October 1846 in Lordstown Township of Trumbull County, Ohio. He died 7 February 1921 at his farm, 4610 North 175 East, Lancaster Township, Wells County, Indiana, and is buried at the Murray Cemetery. James moved to Indiana between 1853 and 1855 with his parents, who lived near Zanesville. As an adult, he bought his own farm near Ossian and lived there until his death. My mother spent much of her summer vacations at this farm, while her mother worked in Battle Creek.

The parents of James K. Earl were Charles E. Earl and Margaret Ann Cartwright, who married 20 November 1845 at Lordstown, Trumbull County, Ohio. Margaret Ann was born in 1826 in Trumbull County, Ohio, and died in 1892 in Wells County, Indiana. She is buried at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana. Charles Earl was born 4 July 1819 in Howland Township of Trumbull County, Ohio. He was the 14th of 16 children in his parents' family, and according to his father's 1850 will, Charles was to receive half of his father's 50 acre farm upon the death of his mother (which occurred 23 December 1852). Charles subsequently moved his own family to Jefferson Township of Wells



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County, Indiana between 1853 and 1855. He made his living buying and selling livestock, and enjoyed harness racing. In his later years, he moved to Union Township of Wells County and lived on the east side of the Uniondale Road. He died 26 July 1907 at the home of his son, Stephen, and is buried at St. John's Lutheran Church. The church building no longer exists, but the cemetery is located 3.6 miles north of County Road 600 North, on County Road 200 West.

The parents of Charles E. Earl were John and Mary Earl, who were married before 1790.<sup>2</sup> Mary's maiden name is still debated, with the two likely possibilities appearing to be Heaton and Earl. Her tombstone at the Wilson Cemetery in southern Warren Township of Trumbull County, Ohio unambiguously shows that she was born September 1773 and died 23 December 1852. She was born somewhere in Pennsylvania,<sup>3</sup> and died in Lordstown Township. Roy Crawford of Ohio provides evidence that Mary's maiden name was Heaton. He has in his possession an old photograph of Sally Earl Spencer, one of John and Mary Earl's children, upon which is written "Grannies Great Mother - (Heaton) Ira Spencer". This was an undated picture made in Armada, Michigan. In addition, Sally Earl Spencer had a son named Horace Heaton Spencer. So far, no Heaton names have emerged on the Spencer side of that family. The other possible maiden surname for Mary is Earl, the same as her husband John Earl. This maiden name is suggested by *Biographical Memoirs of Wells County, Indiana*<sup>4</sup> which noted that John and Mary Earl were second cousins. In addition, the death certificate for Charles E. Earl, above, said that his mother's maiden name was Mary Earl.

John Earl, the husband of Mary Earl, was born no earlier than February 1762, in Pennsylvania.<sup>5</sup> He died 24 July 1850 in Lordstown Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, and is buried at the Wilson Cemetery. His exact birth location in Pennsylvania remains obscure, as do his places of residence

before 1790, when he was first found as a married man in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Tax records for Washington County show John living in Pike Run Township in 1793. The 1790 census of Washington County is not specifically divided into Townships, but a review of the names found in the census in that year, compared to later tax and census records, suggests that John already lived in the area of Pike Run Township in 1790. In 1791 John was a charter member (shown as John Earles) of Maple Creek Baptist Church.<sup>6</sup> His name did not appear on the 1798 Federal Tax Report for Washington County, Pennsylvania, as he may have been living with his mother, who was enumerated as Susannah Errel in Fallowfield Township, in that document. In the 1800 census, John was living in Allen Township, which had been formed from a part of Fallowfield Township, with his wife and 2 children under the age of 10 years (Ebenezer born 1798 and Sarah born 1799).

John had moved to Howland Township of Trumbull County, Ohio by February 1801,<sup>7</sup> and owned 50 acres in Range 3 Township 4 (Howland Township) "by bond" in an 1804 tax list.<sup>8</sup> John's brothers, Moses and Ebenezer, appeared in the same 1801 record. During the War of 1812, John served in the 1st (Rayen's) Regiment of Ohio Militia, along with his brother Jacob and his half brothers Robert and Joseph. John moved to Lordstown Township of Trumbull County, Ohio about 1832. Tax records show that John began being taxed on 100 acres in Lot 37 of Lordstown Township in 1828, although he had no personal property there until 1832, when he appears to have made the move. John's son Edward remained in Howland Township on the original 50 acre farm. After 1832 John no longer owned personal property in Howland Township, and he lived in Lordstown Township until his death.

The parents of John Earl were John Earl and Susannah Ray.<sup>9</sup> They were most likely married in the 1760s in

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Pennsylvania. Susannah was born between 1751 and 1754 in Pennsylvania. She died 24 May 1835 and is buried, as Susannah Carnes, at the Windham Cemetery in Portage County, Ohio.<sup>10</sup> Zophar Carnes was her third husband, and prior to that union she was married sequentially to both John and Ebenezer Earl. The exact family relationship between John and Ebenezer is still unclear.

John Earl was born before 1751 in the general area of the village of Knockclaughrim in County Derry, Northern Ireland.<sup>11</sup>

The emigration pattern for that part of Ireland in the 18th century started at the port of Londonderry and led to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sometime after their marriage in Pennsylvania, John and Susannah Ray Earl moved to Essex County, New Jersey, where their son Jacob was born 2 June 1781.<sup>12</sup> John's name is found on the Essex County tax lists between 1780 and 1782 as "John R. Earl"; in 1780 and 1781 he was landless, but in 1782 he was taxed on 42 acres. His name is absent from the 1783 and later lists as he moved in 1783 to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. It seems that he obtained his land under the jurisdiction of the State of Connecticut and because of that, his claim to the land was insecure, and eventually disallowed in favor of Pennsylvania claimants.<sup>13</sup> The 1780s was a violent time in Luzerne County, with open warfare between the contending Connecticut and Pennsylvania settlers. John may have been a casualty of this violence, and his death occurred in Luzerne County sometime between 1783 and 1788. Circumstantial evidence exists to suggest that John Earl's residence in Luzerne County was in what is now Plymouth Township.<sup>14</sup> By 1788 Susannah Ray and Ebenezer Earl had married, and were the parents of a son, Robert born 4 December 1788.<sup>15</sup>

Ebenezer Earl and his wife Susannah Ray continued to live in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania in 1790, when Ebenezer's name was found in that county on the Federal Census. Their

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youngest child, Elizabeth, or Betsey, was born 1794 or later,<sup>16</sup> and Ebenezer had died by 1798 when Susannah (Errel) was living as the head of her household in Fallowfield Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania. By the 1800 census, Susannah had married her third husband, Zophar Carnes,<sup>17</sup> and by 1804 the couple had moved to Trumbull County, Ohio. Zophar died about 1807 when his will was probated in Trumbull County. Tax records show that in 1810 Susannah was living in Newton Township of Trumbull County, as was her son Robert. In 1816 Susannah and her son Robert moved to Windham Township of Portage County, Ohio, where Susannah spent the remainder of her life.

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### **THE EARL FAMILY OF MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**T**he group of Earls who lived in Middle Smithfield Township of Monroe County, Pennsylvania had an Ebenezer (the elder) as their progenitor. Although one of his sons, James, was present in Monroe County as early as 1763,<sup>18</sup> Ebenezer's name first appears on a tax roll of Lower Smithfield Township of Northampton County, Pennsylvania in 1764 as "Abinezor Airol".<sup>19</sup> In some of the tax records his occupation is shown as "weaver". In 1770 he was taxed on 25 acres and in 1772 his name appeared as Ebenezer Errel. By 1773 he had died, as the 25 acres just mentioned was taxed under the name "Widow Earl" that year. Ebenezer (the elder) had at least 3 sons, James, Edward, and Ebenezer (the son) and likely was the father of Martha Earl.<sup>20</sup>

James Earl was born no later than 1747 and died after 20 September 1821, on which date he deeded 53 acres of his Luzerne County land (see below) to his son Ebenezer. He was first married to Susannah Love<sup>21</sup> while he lived in Middle Smithfield Township of Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Later, he married Susan Bird after he had moved to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.<sup>2</sup> During the Revolutionary War he served in 1778 in Captain Timothy Jayne's Company of the Northampton County Militia.

Although he was taxed on 47 acres in Middle Smithfield Township in 1784, James was actually residing in the Wyoming settlement of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania in that year.<sup>23</sup> He continued to live at Wyoming in 1786, and a deed made in Northampton County that year established his prior residence in Middle Smithfield Township of Monroe County; it was in the area known as "The Hollow"<sup>24</sup> and Hollow Road runs through this part of the Township in modern times. There is strong evidence that James lived in Plymouth Township of Luzerne County in 1787.<sup>25</sup> By 1796, James Earl was taxed in Huntington Township of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, and he lived there until his death.<sup>26</sup>

Edward Earl was born before 1748. His name appeared for the first time on the tax roll of Lower Smithfield Township, as a "singleman" in 1769. This means that in that year he was at least 21 years old, and was unmarried. By 1770 he had married, as his name was on the regular tax roll. He served in 1780 and 1781 in the Northampton County Militia, and in 1782 he was a member of Captain Benjamin Schoonover's Company of the 5th Battalion of Militia from Northampton County. He was last found on the 1793 tax roll of Lower Smithfield Township, and the 1800 census finds him in Fallowfield Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania. The county tax record for Fallowfield Township in 1800 shows his occupation as "horseshoer". He did not appear on subsequent tax lists in Fallowfield Township. One of his sons, James, had gone to Shelby County, Kentucky by 1810, and in 1820 both this son James and another son, Jacob, were living in Jennings County, Indiana.

Ebenezer Earl (the son) was born before 1752,<sup>27</sup> and died in Washington County, Pennsylvania between 1794 and 1798.<sup>28</sup> His first known trip to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania was on a posse under the authority of the Northampton County Sheriff. This group of men left Northampton County on 18 January 1771 "to dispossess the (Connecticut) Rioters

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at Wyoming”.<sup>29</sup> They stayed there at Wyoming until the Northampton men were withdrawn on 17 April 1771. In 1771 Ebenezer signed a petition to the State of Pennsylvania, asking to have a road constructed from Wyoming to the “Foot of the Blue Mountains” (about the location of the present day Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania).<sup>30</sup> He served in the Northampton County Militia during the Revolutionary War. By 1784 he was living at Wyoming,<sup>31</sup> and by 4 December 1788 he had married Susannah Ray Earl, the widow of the John Earl detailed in Chapter One. Ebenezer then moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania between 1790 and 15 October 1793, and died there before 1798.<sup>11</sup> His widow, Susannah Ray Earl, then married Zophar Carnes, and her history is found in Chapter One.





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## **ARRELL FAMILIES OF WASHINGTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA**

**T**hese two branches of the family generally spelled their name "Arrell", and were founded by two brothers, Edward who lived in Washington County, and David who lived in Franklin County. There appears to have been a third brother, William, about whom little is currently known.<sup>31</sup>

Edward Arrell and his brother William came to America in 1774, and in 1775 Edward purchased the land in Washington County, Pennsylvania, where he eventually settled after 1786. His name appears on the tax rolls of Little Britain Township of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania 1777-1780, and it was in Little Britain Township that he likely met and married his wife, Sarah D. Breeding. Edward served during the Revolutionary War in Captain Duncan's Company of the 6th Battalion of Lancaster County Militia. In 1785 and 1786 he was taxed in Luzerne Township of Fayette County, Pennsylvania (across the Monongahela River from Washington County), and after 1786, he resided in the part of Fallowfield Township of Washington County that later became Allen Township. His birth was in County Derry of

Northern Ireland. He died in Allen Township 18 July 1830 and is buried at the Mingo Creek Presbyterian Church, where his tombstone suggests a birth year of 1746. Edward's estate account in Washington County mentions moneys in his estate that had come from the estates of William and David Arrell (his two brothers). His wife Sarah is also buried at Mingo Creek, with her date of death on 16 March 1820, and a birth year of 1747. In the 1800 census of Fallowfield Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania, Edward's name was spelled Earle, and his name was found on the same page with John Earle (son of John and Susannah Ray Earl), the Edward Earle who had moved there from Middle Smithfield Township of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and the James Earle who was the son of the Edward from Monroe County. Two of Edward's daughters, Rachel and Mary, gave money for the construction of Maple Creek Presbyterian Church, as noted in Crumrine's *History of Washington County, Pennsylvania*. One of Edward's sons, James Arrel, went to Daviess County, Indiana.

David Arrel was born before 1751,<sup>32</sup> likely in County Derry, Northern Ireland, as were his brothers Edward and William. David was taxed in Lurgan Township of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania in 1772 (David Arroll), 1773 (David Arrell), and 1774 (David Arrle). In 1784, Lurgan Township was in the part of Cumberland County that had become Franklin County, and in 1786 and 1798 (as David Earl), he lived in the part of Lurgan Township that had become Southampton Township. David's relationship to his brother Edward Arrell of Washington County, Pennsylvania, is explained in the *History of Whiteside County, Illinois*.<sup>33</sup> During the Revolutionary War, he served under Captain William Strain in the Cumberland County Militia.<sup>34</sup> He was a pewholder in 1800 at the Rocky Springs Presbyterian Church, located not far from Southampton Township, in Letterkenny Township of Franklin County, Pennsylvania. His

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son John A. Arrell bought land in 1799 in Poland Township of Mahoning (then Trumbull) County, Ohio, and moved there in 1800. David Arrel died 22 October 1804 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

William Arrell was the last of the three brothers. He was born in County Derry, Northern Ireland, and arrived in America with his brother Edward in 1774. He had died before 1830, as his brother Edward's estate mentioned money from William's estate. Because the remainder of the information that I have on William is not conclusive, I have chosen to place it in the form of a note,<sup>35</sup> so that uncertain statements will not be construed as fact.



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## THE RAY FAMILY OF MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Susannah Ray, having been married to both John and Ebenezer Earl, played an important part in the Earl family history. There is a strong possibility that Susannah descended from the Ray family found in the village of Smithfield before 1757. Unfortunately this relationship cannot yet be exactly proved.

The first record of the Ray family in Monroe County is a warrant dated 28 August 1738 by means of which John Ray obtained rights to 208 acres bordering on the Delaware River near "Pehoquelin" (the general area of the current village of Shawnee on Delaware). In 1738 this land was in Bucks County, but over time it became Northampton and finally, Monroe County. John had a survey done on 25 May 1739, but never developed this land, and after his death his son Moses sold the rights to it to Daniel Depue by deed of 26 August 1754. Later in 1754 Depue patented this tract in Northampton County.

John Ray was a blacksmith in the Village of Smithfield and was married to Susannah Thomas.<sup>36</sup> The *Minisink Valley Reformed Dutch Church Records* show that John and Susannah

Thomas Ray were living in the area in 1743, when the baptism of Susannah, child of Dirck and Sarah Deen Wybrand was witnessed by "John Ree and Susanna Thom".

John's estate was filed in Bucks County on 14 March 1746, and his son Moses Ray received two-thirds of his estate, with the other third going to the widow, Susannah Thomas Ray. *The Dansbury Diaries*<sup>17</sup> show that in 1749 Susannah had a German, Paul Ueberfeldt, a blacksmith who no doubt had taken up John Ray's business, boarding at her house in Smithfield. Susannah subsequently married Jurianne Tappan on 23 April 1750.<sup>36</sup> On 12 September 1750 the Orphan's Court of Bucks County at the Town of Newtown, received a petition from Moses Ray, an orphan (meaning he was under 21 years old, therefore born after 1729) requesting that Aaron Depue be appointed his guardian, as "Urian Tappan, a Dutchman" had married his mother and "squandered away" most of his father's estate.

Moses Ray was legally able to sell real estate in 1754, suggesting that he was at least 21 by that year. Putting this together with his status in Orphan's Court in 1750 (under 21 that year) gives an approximate birth date for him between 1730 and 1733. *Old Dansbury and the Moravian Mission*<sup>38</sup> indicates that Moses lived in the region between 1750 and 1755. He also signed a petition of Minisink farmers presented to the Pennsylvania Provincial Council on 6 June 1757, which asked for help in the protection of their area from Indian attacks. At the end of 1755, as the French and Indian War was beginning, attacks by Indians on the community in the Minisink region left 89 dead, and many others' houses burned. Most of the population fled south into the more settled regions of Northampton County. Many, including Moses Ray, were back in Monroe County by 1757, when this petition was made. However 1757 is the last record found for Moses in Monroe County. One can speculate that he again went south, but there is no definite proof.

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The tax rolls for Bucks County, Pennsylvania show in 1778, in Milford Township, both a Moses Ray and a Moses Ray, singleman. In the 1779 report there is only Moses Ray, singleman. The next available year is 1781, which contains no Ray names. It is not clear whether the Bucks County Moses was the same man who left Monroe County after 1757.

If we assume that Susannah Ray, who married both John and Ebenezer Earl, was the daughter of the Moses who left Monroe County after 1757, it would fit well with the fact that John Earl and Susannah Ray had a son named Moses Earl (named for his maternal grandfather).

Unfortunately we don't know where Susannah Ray and John Earl met and married. The tax records for the parts of Northampton County, Pennsylvania that became Monroe County, never show the name of John Earl, or any variant spelling. One must conclude that if Moses Ray were Susannah's father, he had taken his family somewhere south of Monroe County, most likely the counties in southeast Pennsylvania, and that John Earl (who likely entered North America through Philadelphia) met Susannah in that general region. Other possibilities do however exist, and will be discussed in Chapter 6, in the section on the John Earle who served in the 1st Pennsylvania Continental line in the Revolutionary War.





# 5

## **DESCENDANCY CHARTS FROM PRIOR CHAPTERS**

### *From Chapter 1*

Generation I: John Earl and Susannah Ray

- A. John Earl was born in or after February 1762 in Pennsylvania and died 24 July 1850 at Lordstown Township of Trumbull County, Ohio, buried at the Wilson Cemetery, Warren Township, Trumbull County, Ohio; married before 1790 to Mary Earl, born September 1773 in Pennsylvania, died 23 December 1852 in Lordstown Township, buried at the Wilson Cemetery.
- B. Moses Earl was born in about 1777,<sup>39</sup> died 22 November 1827 in Howland Township of Trumbull County Ohio; married 22 February 1816 Elizabeth Beck (widow of Hugh Larrimore,<sup>40</sup>) born 9 June 1791 in Delaware. She died 20 August 1859 in Howland Township and was buried at the Ewalt Farm Cemetery in Howland Township, Trumbull County, Ohio.
  - 1. Susannah Earl, born in Howland Township about 1818, died after 1850; married William Fox in Trumbull County 27 October 1842.

2. Sarah Earl, born in Howland Township about 1818, died after 1860; married Edward Earl (her cousin and the son of John and Mary Earl Earl) 28 September 1851 in Trumbull County.
  3. Walter Earl, born in Howland Township about 1824, died 1883 in Atlantic, Cass County, Iowa and buried first at Pleasant Valley Cemetery near Griswold, Iowa, then reburied at the Atlantic Cemetery 11 September 1910; married 5 August 1849 at Hancock County, Illinois to Emmaline Mary Wallace, born 27 March 1827 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, died 18 August 1921 at Atlantic, buried Atlantic Cemetery.
  4. Simon Perkins Earl, born in Howland Township about 1825, died after 1860; married in Trumbull County 2 October 1859 to Martha Adams.
  5. Nancy Maria Earl, born in Howland Township 1826/1828, died after 1870.
- C. Ebenezer Earl, born before 1788,<sup>41</sup> died after 1801.
- D. Jacob Earl, born 2 June 1781 in Essex County, New Jersey, died 11 April 1853 in Omega Township, Marion County, Illinois, buried at the Millican Cemetery in Omega Township; married in Trumbull County, Ohio, before 1805 to Rachel Wilson, born about 1782 in Middletown Township of Monmouth County, New Jersey, died 12 April 1834 in Windham Township of Portage County, Ohio, buried at Windham Cemetery.
1. Margaret Earl, born about 1805 in Braceville Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, died 3 February 1876 in Omega Township, Marion County, Illinois, buried at the Millican Cemetery; married 18 March 1830 in Windham Township of Portage County, Ohio, to Timothy Baldwin, born 1804/1805 in Ohio, died 6 April 1862 at the

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Shiloh Battlefield, Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, where he was serving as a wagoner in Company D of the 49<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, buried at the Millican Cemetery in Omega Township.

2. Ebenezer W. Earl, born 12 February 1806 in Braceville Township, died 26 May 1884 in Windham Township of Portage County, Ohio; married 28 September 1825 in Windham Township to Charry F. Streator, born about 1801 in Becket, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, died 22 June 1896 in Windham Township, buried at the Windham Cemetery.
3. James Earl, born 25 November 1807 in Braceville Township, died 28 November 1846 in Windham Township of Portage County, Ohio, buried at the Windham Cemetery; married 15 January 1834 in Windham Township to Elizabeth Ann Dewey Higley, born about 1815 in Massachusetts, died after 1850.
4. Robert R. Earl, born 18 June 1809 in Braceville Township, died 1 May 1876 in Windham Township of Portage County, buried at the Windham Cemetery; married in Windham Township 12 December 1833 to Mary Ann Bush, born 1815 in Massachusetts, died 18 March 1853 in Windham Township.
5. Lucetta Earl, born 1 January 1811 in Braceville Township, died 4 February 1882 in Windham Township of Portage County; married 12 November 1829 in Portage County to Amariah Wheelock, born 2 December 1800, died 29 July 1837 in Windham Township.
6. Stephen O. Earl, born about 1814 in Windham Township, Portage County, died 7 January 1842, buried at the Windham Cemetery.

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7. William S. Earl, born about 1816 in Windham Township, died 1 February 1844, buried at the Windham Cemetery.
8. Clementine A. Earl, born 23 February 1822, died 4 March 1885 at Omega Township, Marion County, Illinois, buried at the Millican Cemetery; married in Portage County 22 September 1843 to Alexander Millican, born 7 April 1817 in Massachusetts, died 12 May 1904, buried at the Millican Cemetery in Omega Township of Marion County, Illinois.
9. Ralph F. Earl, born about 1825, died 5 February 1830, buried at the Windham Cemetery in Portage County.

Generation II: John Earl and Mary Earl

- A. Ebenezer Earl, born 1798/1799 in Washington County, Pennsylvania, died after 1850.<sup>42</sup>
- B. Sarah Earl, born October 1799 in Washington County, died 8 April 1866 in Richmond Township of Macomb County, Michigan; married 14 June 1821 in Howland Township of Trumbull County, Ohio to Ira Spencer, born 8 December 1792 at Spencertown, Columbia County, New York, died 6 February 1876 in Richmond Township.
- C. Susan Earl, born 22 January 1803 in Howland Township of Trumbull County, Ohio, died 1 August 1888 on Mason Street in the City of Warren, Ohio; married 31 March 1825 in Howland Township to James Gibson, born 2 December 1798 in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, died 12 February 1875 in New Castle, Pennsylvania, buried in Howland Township Cemetery in Trumbull County, Ohio.
- D. Edward Earl, born about 1803 in Howland Township, died about 1867 in the region of

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- Galesburg, Illinois; married 26 June 1827 in Trumbull County to Polly Larrimore, born before 1812, died about 1837 in Warren Township of Trumbull County.
- E. Rebecca Earl, born about 1806 in Howland Township, died 17 December 1848 in Howland Township, buried at the Wilson Cemetery.
- F. Moses Earl, born 17 February 1807 in Howland Township, died 26 January 1885 in Edinburg Township of Portage County, Ohio; married 8 June 1836 at Lordstown in Trumbull County to Harriet N. Haskell, born 20 May 1821, died 17 October 1863 in Palmyra Township in Portage County, Ohio, buried at the Robinson Cemetery in Palmyra Township.
- G. Betsy Earl, born about 1807 in Howland Township, died 8 January 1892 at 231 West Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana; married 15 October 1828 in Trumbull County to George Rhinesmith, born December 1797, died 19 February 1860 in Trumbull County, buried at the Wilson Cemetery.
- H. John H. Earl, born 5 October 1810 in Trumbull County, died 1 October 1895 in Greenfield Township, Warren County, Iowa, buried at the North River Cemetery in Warren County; married 4 November 1841 in Trumbull County to Permelia Sherman, born 8 January 1821, died 6 April 1846 in Trumbull County, buried at the Wilson Cemetery.
- I. George Washington Earl, born about 1812 in Howland Township; married 12 October 1854 in Trumbull County to Elizabeth Chalker.
- J. Nancy Earl, born about 1813 in Howland Township, died after 1850; married William M. Wilson 7 December 1836 in Trumbull County.
- K. Mary Earl, born about 1816 in Howland Township, died after 1860; married<sup>43</sup>, 2 October 1827 in

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Howland Township to Isaac Van Wye, born before 1809, died 1840/1850.

- L. Samuel Earl, born about 1815 in Howland Township, died 2 October 1896 in Summit Township, Chautauqua County, Kansas; married 17 November 1844 at Lordstown in Trumbull County to Nancy Campbell, born about 1824, died 1876 in Bazaar Township, Chase County, Kansas, buried at the Bazaar Cemetery.
- M. Olive P. Earl, born 1818 in Howland Township, died 19 June 1891 in Atwater Township of Portage County, Ohio; married 6 April 1839 in Trumbull County to Nathaniel P. Hunt, born about 1818 in New Jersey, died after 19 June 1891.
- N. Charles E. Earl, born 4 July 1819 in Howland Township, died 26 July 1907 in Union Township of Wells County, Indiana, buried at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Wells County; married 20 November 1845 at Lordstown to Margaret Ann Cartwright, born about 1826 in Trumbull County, died 1892 in Wells County, Indiana and buried at St. John's Cemetery.
- O. Lorinda Earl, born 1822 in Howland Township, died 4 May 1873 in Troy Township, Perry County, Indiana; married 3 November 1841 in Trumbull County to Isaac Charles McIntire, born 9 April 1815 in Tinicum Township of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, died 5 May 1870, buried Troy Township of Perry County, Indiana.
- P. William Earl, born 7 May 1825 in Trumbull County, died 22 August 1906 in Union Township, Wells County, Indiana, buried at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Wells County, Indiana; married about 1834 to Mercy \_\_\_\_\_, who died before 1879; married a second time before 1879 to Lanora \_\_\_\_\_,

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born 1850 in Ohio, died 28 October 1920 and buried at the Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Generation III: Charles E. Earl and Margaret Ann Cartwright

- A. James K. Earl, born 24 October 1846 at Lordstown, Trumbull County, Ohio, died 7 February 1921 in Lancaster Township of Wells County, Indiana, buried at the Murray Cemetery, Wells County, Indiana; married Matilda Jane McAfee, 4 December 1871 in Wells County. She was born 31 August 1848 in Wooster Township of Wayne County, Ohio, died 8 September 1902, buried at the Murray Cemetery.
- B. John L. Earl, born about 1848 at Lordstown, died after 1879; married Eliza Jane Confer.
- C. William Henry Earl, born March 1851.
- D. Freeman Earl, born April 1853.
- E. George W. Earl, born August 1855 in Wells County, Indiana, died after 1880; married Mary \_\_\_\_\_, born 1858 in Indiana, died after 1880.
- F. Robert Earl, born 1857 in Wells County, Indiana, died 1900, buried at Prospect M. E. Church Cemetery, Ossian, Indiana.
- G. Charles W. Earl, born 1859.
- H. Mary Earl, born August 1861 in Wells County, Indiana, died after 1880; married \_\_\_\_\_ Robinson.
- I. Stephen D. Earl, born 1864 in Wells County, died after 1900.
- J. Sarah Earl, born 1866 in Wells County, died after 1880.
- K. Frankey Earl, born 1868 in Wells County, died 1870, buried at St. John's Cemetery in Wells County.
- L. Edith May Earl

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Generation IV: James K. Earl and Matilda Jane McAfee

- A. Anita Earl.
- B. Florence Ellen Earl, born 1875 in Wells County, Indiana, died 12 June 1956.
- C. Anna Frances Earl, born 20 July 1879 in Union Township, Wells County, Indiana, died 1 December 1965 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, buried Memorial Gardens, Territorial Road, Battle Creek, Michigan; married 3 February 1904 at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Pleasant Township, Allen County, Indiana to Ernest Valentine Miller, born 14 February 1876 in Pleasant Township of Allen County, Indiana, died 5 July 1914 at St. Joseph Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, buried at St. Aloysius Church Cemetery.
- D. Dora Earl, born after 1880, died 1936.

*From Chapter 2*

Generation I: Ebenezer Earl

- A. James Earl, born before 1747, died after 20 September 1821 in Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; married 1768/1772 in the Minisink region around the Delaware River to Susannah Love, christened 3 February 1751, died after 1789; married a second time to Susan Bird, born in Connecticut and moved to Luzerne County from Canaan, Connecticut, died about 1820 in Huntington Township. Children by Susannah Love:
  - 1. Sophia Earl, christening recorded 30 August 1772 through the Walpeck Reformed Dutch Church in the Minisink, died before 1820 in Huntington Township of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; married in Luzerne County to Miles Sperry, born 10 October 1778 in Canaan, Litchfield County, Connecticut, died after 1850.



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2. John Earl, born about 1775 in Pennsylvania, died after 1850; married Mary M. (Polly) Chapin, born 1784 in New England, died after 1850.
3. Ellen Earl, born 1775/1780 in Pennsylvania, died after 1830 in Ohio; married in Huntington Township of Luzerne County to Eli Seward, born 12 July 1768 in Granville, Hampden County, Massachusetts, died 24 February 1847 in Licking County, Ohio, buried at the Perryton Cemetery in Licking County.
4. Samuel Earl, born 11 October 1784 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, christening recorded 26 October 1788 at Machackemeck Dutch Reformed Church, Deerpark, Orange County, New York, died 28 April 1866 at Town Hill, Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; married in Luzerne County to Rachel Buckalew, born 14 April 1784 in Maryland, died 10 May 1871 at Town Hill.
5. Matthew Earl, born 11 May 1786 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, christening recorded 26 October 1788 at Machackemeck Dutch Reformed Church, Deerpark, Orange County, New York.
6. Ebenezer Earl, born 28 May 1789 in Luzerne County, christening recorded 1 July 1789 by Domine Bunschooten of the Machackemeck Reformed Dutch Church, Deerpark, Orange County, New York, died 1864 in Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; married Rosanna Siglar, born 1790/1794.

Children by either Susannah Love or Susan Bird:

1. Susanna Earl, born 15 February 1791 in Salem Township, Luzerne County, died 13 December 1867 in Davidson Township, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania; married first to Thomas Edgar,

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- born 1764/1784 in Luzerne County, died 1816 in Huntington Township of Luzerne County; married a second time 1817/1820 to Joseph M. Converse, born 21 January 1777 in Killingly Town, Windham County, Connecticut, died 7 February 1857, buried Cherry Valley Cemetery, Nordmont, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania.
2. Sallie Earl, born 1794/1804 in Luzerne County, migrated with her husband to Ohio; married in Luzerne County to John Robinson, born 1775/1794, died after 1820.
  3. Eliphas Earl.
  4. Martha Earl, migrated to Ohio with her husband; married in Luzerne County to Moses McElrath.
- B. Edward Earl, born before 1748, migrated to Washington County, Pennsylvania, died after 1800; married 1769/1770 in Monroe County, Pennsylvania.
1. James Earl, born 1773/1779 in Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, died 9 June 1860 in Jennings County, Indiana, buried at Coffee Creek Cemetery in Jennings County; married about 1800 in Washington County, Pennsylvania, to Hannah James, born 30 June 1782 in Pennsylvania, died 25 July 1865 in Jennings County, buried at Coffee Creek Cemetery.
  2. Jacob Earl, born 1775/1780 in Middle Smithfield Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, died after 1860 in Vernon Township of Jennings County, Indiana; married Nancy James, born 1782/1784 in Pennsylvania, died after 1850.
- C. Ebenezer Earl, born before 1752, died 1793/1798 in Washington County, Pennsylvania; married 1783/1788 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania to

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Susannah Ray, (widow of John Earl), born 1751/1754 in Pennsylvania, died 24 May 1835 in Windham Township, Portage County, Ohio, buried at the Windham Cemetery; Susannah Ray had a third marriage 1798/1800 in Washington County, Pennsylvania, to Zophar Carnes, born before 1760 in New Jersey, died about 1807 in Trumbull County, Ohio.

1. Robert Earl was born in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania 4 December 1788. His christening is recorded by Domine Bunschooten 30 June 1789 at Machackemeck Reformed Dutch Church at Deerpark, Orange County, New York. He died 20 December 1855 in Portage County, Ohio and is buried at the Windham Cemetery; He married 14 September 1810 in Trumbull County, Ohio Lydia Hubbell, born 31 August 1793 in Essex County, New Jersey, died 6 September 1849 in Portage County, Ohio, buried at Windham Cemetery; he married second on 28 December 1853 in Portage County Harriet Stow, (widow of Henry R. Marsh), born 1796 in Massachusetts, died 13 February 1882 in Portage County.
2. Walter Earl, born after 1786, died after 1807.
3. Joseph Earl, born about 1791 in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, died 1855 in Weathersfield Township of Trumbull County, Ohio; married 2 September 1823 in Ohio to Mary M. Van Wye, born 1800 in Washington County, Pennsylvania, died after 1860.
4. James Earl, was born 1790/1794, and died after 1830; he was married 11 August 1814 in Newton Township of Trumbull County to Margaret McKelvey, born March 1796 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, died after 1830.

5. Nancy Earl, born 15 October 1793 in Fallowfield Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania. She died 6 November 1863 in Jefferson Township, Mahaska County, Iowa and was buried at the Coal Creek Cemetery in Jefferson Township; married 15 September 1814 in Newton Township of Trumbull County, Ohio to Thomas Jefferson Lee, born 10 May 1788 in Pennsylvania, died 15 April 1867, buried at the Coal Creek Cemetery.
6. Betsy Earl, born 1794/1798, died after 1840; married 1 May 1817 in Portage County, Ohio to John C. Caldwell, born 29 May 1792 at Alexandria, Porter Township, Huntington County, Pennsylvania, died after 1848.
- D. Martha Earl, born 31 March 1752, died 1824, buried Ellis Creek, Barton Township, Tioga County, New York; married 1773 (recorded in the Reformed Dutch Church at Walpeck, New Jersey) to James Swartwood, born 5 March 1751 in Lehman Township of Pike County, Pennsylvania, died 22 January 1846, buried at Ellis Creek.
  1. Mary Swartwood, christened 22 May 1774 in the Walpeck records; married Isaac Shoemaker, who died after 1846.
  2. Benjamin Swartwood, christened 8 December 1776 in the Walpeck records.
  3. John Swartwood, christened 18 August 1779 in the Walpeck records.
  4. Caty Swartwood, born 27 February 1781, christened 25 August 1781 in the Walpeck records.
  5. Martha Swartwood, born 30 October 1788, christened 17 July 1789 in the Walpeck records, died 1843, buried at Scotchtown Cemetery, Erin,

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Chemung County, New York; married Benjamin Smith after 1820.

6. James Swartwood, born 16 April 1791, christened 29 May 1791 in the Walpeck records.
7. Ebenezer Swartwood, born 10 January 1794, christened 11 May 1794 in the Walpeck records, died 1852 in Amherst, Ohio; married Diantha Tozer Johnson.

### *From Chapter 3*

#### Generation 1: Arrell in County Derry, Northern Ireland

- A. Edward Arrell was born about 1746 in County Derry, Northern Ireland. He died 18 July 1830 in Allen Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, and was buried at Mingo Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Union Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania; he was married in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania to Sarah D. Breeding, born about 1747, died 16 March 1820, buried at Mingo Creek Presbyterian Cemetery.

1. James E. Arrell, born before 1780 in Pennsylvania, died 1833 in Veale Township, Daviess County, Indiana; married before 1817 in Washington County, Pennsylvania to Sarah Crabb, who died before 1829 in Daviess County, Indiana.
2. Nancy Ann Arrell, born 9 February 1784 in Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, died 19 January 1848 at Mt. Hope, Pennsylvania, buried at Mingo Creek Presbyterian Cemetery, Union Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania; married 27 September 1808 in Washington County to Baptist Happer, born 15 July 1787 in Union Township,

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Washington County, died in Union Township, and buried at Mingo Creek Presbyterian Cemetery.

3. John Arrell, born before 1790, died after 1816.
  4. Mary Arrell, born 1789, died 25 October 1850, buried Mingo Creek Presbyterian Cemetery.
  5. William Arrell, born before 1795.
  6. David Arrell, born before 1795.
  7. Rachel Arrell.
- B. David Arrell, born before 1754 in County Derry, Northern Ireland, died 22 October 1804 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania
1. Margaret Arrell; married Joseph Waddle.
  2. Eleanor Arrell, died 1816 in Green Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
  3. Anna Arrell; married a Mr. Stewart.
  4. John A. Arrell, born 6 November 1773 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, died 10 August 1848 in Poland Township, Mahoning County, Ohio; married before 1798 Margaret Stewart, born 25 June 1773 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, died 10 February 1833 in Poland Township of Mahoning County.
  5. Margaret Arrell; married Samuel Caldwell.
  6. George Arrell, died 1853.
  7. William Arrell, died 1849, buried Scotland, Pennsylvania.
  8. Rachel Arrell; married Joseph Smith.
- C. William Arrell, born before 1758 in County Derry, Northern Ireland, emigrated to America with his brother Edward in 1774, died before 1830. Please see note #33. Following is information about the William who died in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania 25 October 1825, and has a reasonable chance of having been this William; however,

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absolute proof has not yet been found. This William spelled his name Earle, and he was buried at Trinity Church in Pittsburgh. He was married 25 December 1787 at the First Presbyterian Church of Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania to Sarah Redman, born 1772, died 9 July 1849 at Lauraville, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

1. Richard Earle, born 13 November 1788, died 23 July 1790.
2. Katherine Earle, born 12 March 1792.
3. William Earle, born 22 July 1794.
4. Sarah Earle, born 22 September 1796.
5. Richard Earle, born 29 January 1799.
6. Emely Earle, born 18 January 1801.
7. Henry Earle, born 16 June 1803.
8. Mary Wilkins Murry Earle, born after 1800.
9. Tasleton B. Earle, born after 1800.





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James K. Earl  
Father of Anna Frances Earl

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Family of James K. Earl (Photograph about 1900)

Standing - James K. Earl

Seated back row – Maria McAfee (Aunt Maria) and Matilda McAfee  
Earl (grandmother Earl)

Seated front row – Dora Earl, Florence Ellen Earl,  
Anna Frances Earl, Florence Shipper (friend of Florence)

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Anna Frances Earl  
Age 10  
About 1889

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Hannah Ann Earl (Vance)  
Born about 1833, Daughter of Jacob Earl  
Of Jennings County, Indiana  
Granddaughter of Edward Earl,  
Great granddaughter of Ebenezer (The Elder)  
Who died in Monroe County, Pennsylvania in 1773

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Robert Roy Earl  
Son of Edward (born 1803) and Elizabeth Earl  
Grandson of John and Mary Earl

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Sarah "Sally" Earl Spencer  
Born October 1799,  
Daughter of John and Mary Earl

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## The Arroll Plot



Knockclaughrim Presbyterian Church,  
County Derry, Northern Ireland  
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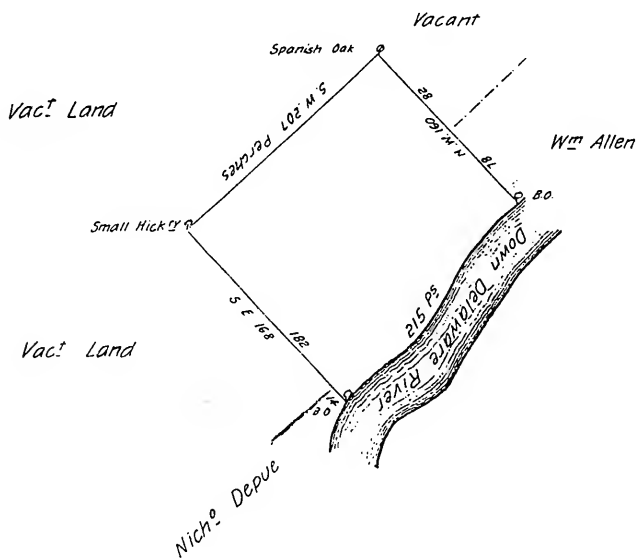






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By Virtue of a Warr<sup>t</sup> from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Proprietaries dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of Aug<sup>r</sup> 1738 Surveyed on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1739 to John Ray the above described Tract of Land begin<sup>g</sup> at a Black oak a Corner of Nicholas Depue's Land thence by the same n w 14 perches and the same Course by Vacant Land 168 perches to a Small Hick'y thence by Vacant Land n E 207 perches to a Spanish oak thence by Vacant Land s E 87 perches and by Land of W<sup>m</sup> Allen the same Course 28 Perches to a Black Oak on the River Delaware thence down the Same 215 Perches to the first mentioned Black Oak containing 208 Acres of Land and Allowance of Six P Cent Situate on the River Delaware near Pehoquelin in the County of Bucks

Nich<sup>o</sup> Scull —

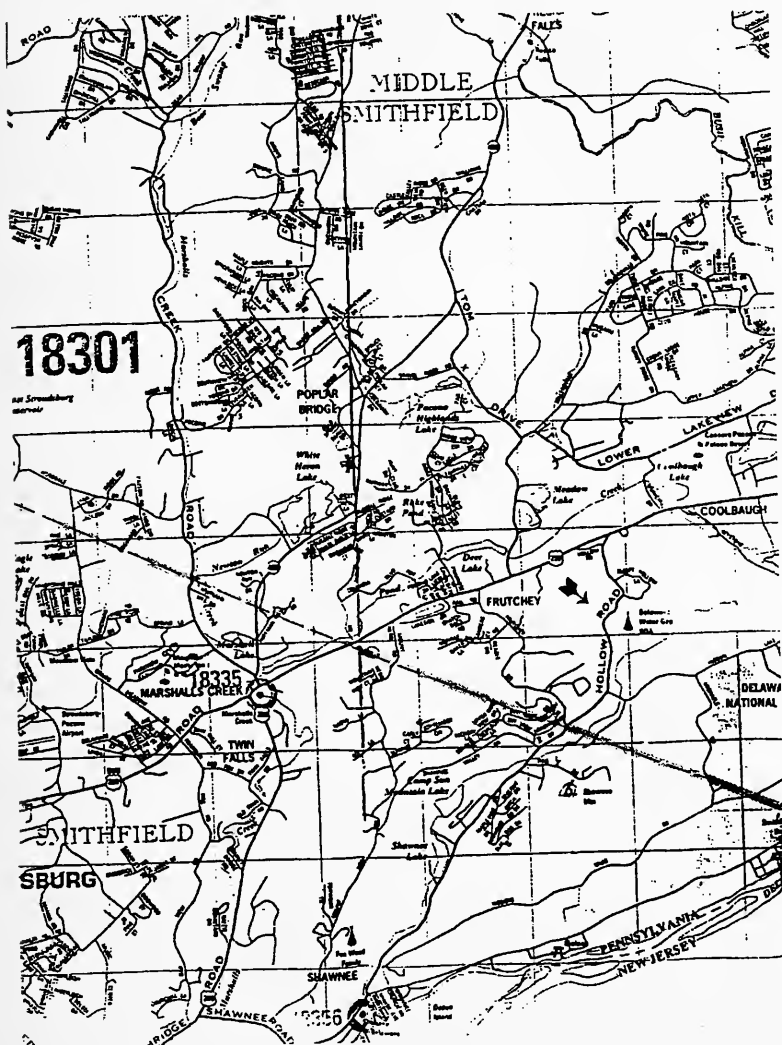
Warrant for John Ray in  
Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

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Smithfield/Middle Smithfield Townships  
Monroe County, Pennsylvania.  
Shows Hollow Road.  
The general area of  
The Ebenezer Earl Residence

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## Map of Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania About 1880









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## **DATA HAVING AN UNCERTAIN RELATIONSHIP TO THE EARL FAMILIES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**

- I. *Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Rock, Green, Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette, Wisconsin* <sup>16</sup> states on page 6 that “. . . the Earl family was formerly from England, whence three brothers came in Colonial times, one of them settling in New Jersey, a second one in Virginia, and the other in New England.”

### **A. New Jersey**

1. IGI records state that an Ebenezer Earl was born in 1712 and died after 1757. He married in 1734 Angelica Hunt, born 13 September 1715 in Hopewell Township, Mercer County, New Jersey. Both Ebenezer and Angelica were living in 1757, when they were mentioned in the Hunterdon County, New Jersey will of Angelica's father, Edward Hunt. This raises the question as to whether this Ebenezer Earl was the one who first showed up in the 1764 tax of Monroe County, Pennsylvania (Lower Smithfield Township of Northampton County in 1764).

2. There is an intestate record dated 21 January 1748 for a William Arrell, Jr., of Deptford Township, filed in Gloucester County, New Jersey. The administrator was his son, Richard Arrell of Philadelphia (who may have been the Richard Arrell who married Christiana Davis at Christ Church in Philadelphia on 16 July 1749). The Deptford Township land was described as being near Chester County, Pennsylvania, and had been sold by Richard Arrell before 15 May 1786. Other Gloucester County intestate records exist for a Mary Earle in 1748, and for a Henry Earle in 1756.
3. Union County, New Jersey was part of Essex County in the 18th century. Several Earl burials are found recorded at the Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Cemetery, Union Township, Union County, New Jersey: John Earl, Corporal, New Jersey Troops, Revolutionary War; David Earl, born 1756, died 1808, Revolutionary War Soldier, New Jersey Troops; Edward Earl, died 1817, Revolutionary War Soldier, New Jersey.
4. Another Earl group is of interest because they lived initially in Essex County, and because the given name of Moses appears in this Earl family: Henry Earl, died 1781/1782 in Newark Township, Essex County, New Jersey; his wife's name was Phebe, and she survived Henry. They had 6 daughters, none of whom were named in Henry's will, and two sons, Robert and Henry: Robert Earl died after 1782. Henry Earl died in 1810 at Second Mountain, Springfield Township, Union County, New Jersey; he was married to

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Marjorie Little, who survived him. Their children were:

- a. Moses Earl, a Revolutionary War Soldier who served in the 1st New Jersey Regiment, Continental Line. His service record shows that he was "sick in hospital" on 4 November 1777, and died 15 December 1777. His brother Israel also served in the 1st New Jersey Regiment.
- b. Aaron Earl, died after 1777.
- c. Israel Earl, born 1755, died 1824 in Hartwick Township of Sussex County, New Jersey. Service with the 1st New Jersey Regiment, Continental Line. His wife's name was Hannah.
- d. Henry Earl, died after 1810.
- e. James Earl, died after 1810.
- f. Abraham Earl, died after 1810.
- g. Amy Earl, died after 1810; married Aaron Burney before 1810.
- h. Catherine Earl, died after 1810.
- i. Christiana Earl, died after 1810.
- j. Hannah Earl, died after 1810.
- k. Moses S. Earl, (stated in an IGI record which is undocumented) was born about 1764; however it seems logical that he might have been born after his older brother Moses died in 1777. Moses S. Earl died in 1851 in Essex County, New Jersey.

### B. Virginia.

1. J. W. Arrell resided in Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia in 1785. This information comes from the "Boston Transcript", 21 March 1932, which had a list of original settlers in Fredericksburg.

2. *Earliest Settlers Western Frederick-Eastern Hampshire Counties in Virginia, Their Descendants* by Grace Kelso Garner, 1978, p 218, mentions Richard Arrell, who continued to own land on Great Timber Creek in Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1754, but was then living in Hampshire County, West Virginia, where he died in 1758. Hampshire County lies on the west side of Frederick County, Virginia, and Winchester is the County Seat of Frederick County; in February 1777 Richard and William Earle enlisted in Heath's Independent Virginia Company, in Winchester.
3. In Fairfax County, Virginia, Samuel Arrell had a survey made 7 December 1771. This land was located on the Accotink River. This appears to be the same Samuel Arrell who eventually was buried at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia. Also buried at this same cemetery is David Arrell, a captain in the 3rd Virginia Regiment, Continental Line, commissioned 28 September 1776. David's name appears on the 1787 tax rolls of Alexandria. The DAR application for Miss Fannie Adelaide Rowe, #18341 states that "David Arell was a Captain of the 2nd Company, 3rd Virginia Regiment, 1776. He was born in Pennsylvania and died in Alexandria, Va, 1793." A Richard Arrell lived in Alexandria in 1787, and another Richard, over the age of 16, also lived in the same household. It probably was the elder Richard who died intestate in Alexandria, Virginia in 1795 and who left a daughter named Elizabeth.

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### C. New England.

1. Moses Earl, born about 1777 and detailed in the preceding chapter, was said in *A History of the Women of the Western Reserve* page 707, to have come to Trumbull County, Ohio in 1804 from Lisbon, Connecticut as a representative of Simon Perkins, also of Lisbon, who was an agent of the Connecticut Land Company. There was a close relationship between Moses and Simon, as Moses named one of his children Simon Perkins Earl. If indeed Moses lived in Lisbon for awhile, it is unclear what circumstances led to his migration there from his prior residence in Pennsylvania.
2. Sylvanus Earle was born 28 March 1773 in Leicester, Worcester County, Massachusetts and died 5 May 1856 in Newton Falls, Newton Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. He and his family moved to Newton Township before 1818, and in 1830 he lived in Braceville Township of Trumbull County, Ohio on 150 acres in the west end of Section 25, which physically borders Section 24 of the same Township, where Jacob Earl (brother of the Moses Earl shown above in 1) was taxed in 1809/1810.
3. Elizabeth Earl was born in 1742 and died 11 October 1819 in Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. On 7 October 1764 she was a member of The Church of Christ in Norfolk Town, Litchfield County, Connecticut. Her husband was Nathan Tubbs. He was born 20 March 1738 in New Salem Parish, Lyme, New London County, Connecticut and he died 1810/1820 in

Huntington Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

4. Royal Earl was born in Vermont in 1795 and died 17 December 1860 in Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois. In 1840 and 1850 he lived in Rockingham Town of Windham County, Vermont. His wife was Emaline, born 1810 in Vermont.

## II. Pennsylvania families.

C. James Earel was born in Great Britain in April 1745 and died 12 April 1830 in Nicholas County, West Virginia, where he probably was visiting with a son's family, as his estate was probated in Wood County, West Virginia. He likely was related to the James Earle who was taxed in 1762 in Carlisle, Middleton Township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. James Earel served in the Revolutionary War in Thompson's Rifle Battalion (which was recruited in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania) during 1775, under Captain James Chambers. In 1790, James lived in Frederick County, Maryland (page 68 of the Federal Census) and relatively nearby lived a William Arel (page 72). In 1818 James filed a request for a pension in Wood County, West Virginia, which was refused, but by 1821 he had moved back to Frederick County, Maryland and his application for Federal pension that year was accepted. James married 1771/1772 Susannah McGuyer who was born June 1752 and died 21 July 1830 in Wood County, West Virginia.

1. Esther Earel, born 13 December 1775; married \_\_\_\_\_ Moss.
2. Jean Earel, born 18 June 1779.

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3. Susannah Earel, born 24 July 1781; married \_\_\_\_\_ House.
4. Mary Earel, born 25 June 1790; married \_\_\_\_\_ Ogden.
5. James Earel, born 21 June 1794 in Frederick County, Maryland, died 6 October 1856 at Camp Point, Adams County, Illinois; he was married 9 February 1826 in Nicholas County, West Virginia to Margaret Ann Givens, born 16 March 1801 in Bath County, Virginia died 22 December 1885 at Camp Point, Adams County, Illinois.
  - a. John McGuyer Earel was born 6 April 1827 in West Virginia. He died 25 May 1891 in Columbus Township, Adams County, Illinois, buried at Pleasant View Cemetery in Adams County.
  - b. Hervey Dale Earel, born 25 September 1818 in West Virginia, died 4 February 1898 at Abingdon, Cedar Township, Knox County, Illinois; married first in Adams County, Illinois on 26 February 1852 to Margaret Ann Sammons, born 14 September 1832 in Ohio, died 14 August 1862 in Adams County. Children: (1) Mary Earel, born 28 September 1853 in Adams County, died 10 April 1858 in Adams County, (2) Erasmus J. Earel, born 28 March 1855 in Adams County, married May Ellwell 3 July 1878 in Knox County, Illinois, (3) Silas R. Earel, born 18 January 1857 in Adams County, Illinois. died in Phelps County, Nebraska; married 24 April 1879 in Knox County, Illinois to Rosa A. Williamson. (4) Mary Francis Earel, born

7 February 1859 in Adams County, Illinois, died 14 January 1863 in Illinois. (5) Florence J. Earel, born 23 January 1861 in Adams County, Illinois; married 3 September 1884 in Knox County, Illinois to Nelse A. Nelson. Hervey Dale Earel was married a second time 27 November 1862 in Illinois to Abigail Lynn, born March 1831 in Indiana. Children: (1) Charles F. Earel, born 10 September 1863 in Adams County, died 6 January 1865 in Adams County. (2) Albert Marion Earel, born 22 June 1866 at Abingdon, Cedar Township, Knox County, Illinois. (3) John W. H. Earel, born 22 April 1869 in Illinois.

- c. Angeline Given Earel, born 14 August 1830.
- d. Alcinda Earel, born 28 April 1832.
- e. Margaret Ann Earel, born 21 March 4 1834.
- f. Seldon Given Earel, born 22 November 1836 in Athens County, Ohio, died 11 October 1919 in Riverside Township, Adams County, Illinois.
- g. Barzillia Earel, born 4 June 1839, died after 1891.
- h. Angeline Earel, born 16 April 1841.

- B. During the Revolutionary War there was a John Earl who served in the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line. He enlisted as "Jno Early" on 3 June 1776 in Captain Grier's Company (which is known to have been recruited in the part of Cumberland County that later became Franklin County). His name appears as "John Earl" when he mustered in on 1 July 1776. The Pennsylvania



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Archive Series show “John Earle” promoted to Sergeant by 21 April 1777, and continuous service thereafter until furloughed 1 January 1781. It appears that this man participated in the Mutiny of the Pennsylvania Regiments on 1 January 1781. Upset by poor conditions and lack of pay, a Committee of Sergeants led the Mutineers on a march to Trenton, New Jersey. Eventually, all Mutineers were granted amnesty and full back pay. Few of the men returned to army service. There is no pension on record for this John Earl, and participation in the Mutiny may be the reason. It is interesting that this man left military service near Essex County, New Jersey. He served in the military organization that was the successor to the 1775 Thompson’s Rifle Battalion, in which the above James Earel served.

- C. Robert Earl was taxed in Rostraver Township of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania in 1783. The Pennsylvania Archives shows him as a “Ranger on the Frontier from Westmoreland County” during the Revolutionary War. He had died by 1786 when his widow, Mary Ann Earl was taxed in Rostraver Township. She continued to live there and was again taxed as “Widow Earl” in 1795. Rostraver Township borders on Huntington Township of Westmoreland County, where a John Early made warrant application #1394 on 3 April 1769 for 300 acres of land (in 1769 this was located in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania) lying on both sides of Jacobs Creek. John deeded this land on 16 December 1769 to Captain William Thompson, who then received Warrant #76, 1 February 1771. Coincidentally this Captain William Thompson was the same man who

commanded Thompson's Rifle Battalion in 1775, in which James Earel of Cumberland County served.

- D. Richard Earl was taxed 1778/1785 in Greenwood Township of Cumberland County (this Township now is in Juniata County). His will, written 22 April 1784, was probated in Cumberland County 5 May 1791 and shows the name of his wife Janet (who was a daughter of Malcolm and Josepha Clark Wright). In a deed dated 1 November 1797 Janet sold this Greenwood Township property to Thomas Wilson. This man may be the Richard Earle, Senior, who also enlisted in February 1777 at Winchester Virginia (see note #35) in Captain Henry Heath's Independent Virginia Company. A Richard Earle, Junior, also served in that organization.
- E. John Erael's name appears in the 1790 census of Huntington County, Pennsylvania with a listing of: 1/1/1. Neither this or any similar name was found in the 1788 and 1791 tax record of Huntington County, and the name did not appear in the 1800 census of Huntington County.
- F. John Arrell appears in the 1800 census of Smith Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania. The listing shows him as born 1755/1774, with his wife born in the same time span, with one daughter under the age of 10 years. In the same census year, John Earle appears in Fallowfield Township of Washington County, and has 2 children under the age of 10 (corresponding to Ebenezer and Sarah). In 1810, there was no John Arrell or Earle in Smith Township.
- G. The 1830 census of Center Township, Union (now Snyder) County, Pennsylvania shows both a John

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Earl born 1770/1780, and a Jacob Earl, unmarried, born 1800-1810, as well as a Frederick Earl born 1790/1800. All were gone in the 1840 and 1850 census records.

III. James Errel was found on the 1800 census of Middleton Township of Washington (now Columbiana) County, Ohio. I could not find an 1810 record for this Township, and there was no similar name in that Township in the 1820 census. In 1800, a Henry Ray also lived in Middleton Township.



## **SELECTED TEXTUAL MATERIAL**



***Will of John Earle***

Of Lordstown, Trumbull County, Ohio

Written 23 January 1849

"I, John Earle of the County, of Trumbull & State of Ohio do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form that is to say first it is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be fully paid secondly - it is my will that my beloved wife Mary in lieu of her dower have her suporte her life time - on the farm I now own and at her death I give to my two sons Samuel and Charles my farm situated in Lordstown Trumbull county Ohio containing about fifty acres the farm to be equally divided between the said Samuel & Charles in case they canot agree to be divided by two disenterested men and it is my will that Samuel & Charles after the death of my wife give my son Ebenezer one dollar and to my son Edward one dollar and to my son Moses one dollar and to my son John one dollar and to my son George Washington one dollar and to my son William one dollar and to my daughter Sally one dollar and to my daughter Susan one dollar and to my daughter Rebecca one dollar and to my daughter Betsy one dollar and to my daughter Nancy one dollar and to my daughter Mary one dollar and to my daughter Clara\* one dollar and to my daughter Lorindy one dollar. In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 23 day of January A. D. 1849 signed published and declared by the above named John Earle as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request have signed as witnesses to the same."

Peter Snyder

his  
John X Earle (Seal)  
mark

Irvin P. Gordon

\* As John Earle was illiterate, the original draft of his will must have been written by someone else, then transcribed into Will Book #2 in October 1850. He did not have a daughter named Clara, and his daughter Olive's name is missing from the transcribed will, due to transcription error. That he had a daughter named Olive is shown by *History of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties . . .* (see footnote #12) page 207, which lists John's children and shows Olive as one of his daughters, but not Clara.

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***Will of Zophar Carnes***

Of Trumbull County, Ohio,

Written 26 January 1807

In the name of God Amen - - I Zophar Karnes of Warren County of Trumbull and the State of Ohio although at present labouring under some indisposition of body but being of sound disposing mind memory and understanding through the mercy of God do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following - First and principally I assign my soul with the utmost humility into the hands of Almighty God my Creator humbly hoping for a blessed immortality through the merits and mediation of my Blessed Savior and Redeemer Jesus Christ - And as to such temporal estate as the Lord in his mercy hath entrusted me with, I give devise and dispense thereof as follows - - - After my just debts and funeral charge is paid, I give and bequeath to my sons James Earle and Robert Earle both now living with me fifty acres of land to be taken of in square form on the east side of the land I own at my decease or at any time before if they choose after they become of age and when they choose to settle on said land after they are of age whether after my decease or before I give to each of them a Horse or a Goat or a Stier which they may choose but if they go away and leave the family to my wife they should not have the Hors or Stier - *Item*, I give and bequeath to my four youngest children (namely) Joseph Earle Walter Earle Nancy Earle and Betsey Earle all now living with me all the remainder of my real and personal estate to the ammount of the same value I have given to my two oldest sons and the remainder to equally devided between the whole at the discretion of my executors - only tis my will that the two first mentioned boyes should have the priveledge of having the over pluss if any in land at the direction of the said executors

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- and it is my will that my beloved wife Jemima Kernes should have the use and improvement and occupancy of all my real and personal estate during her natural life – Lastly I do constitute and appoint John Leavitt, Henry Lane, and Jacob Earle Executors to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the 26th day of January in the year of our Lord 1807.

his  
Zophar X Carnes  
mark

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***James Earl Deed***

1786

Relating to land in Middle Smithfield Township  
Of Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

The deed was filed in Northampton County. The Wyoming settlement was (from the perspective of the State of Pennsylvania) in Northumberland County until 1786, when Luzerne County was erected out of part of Northumberland County.

Mortgage  
James Place & John Sacks  
to James Erl

Know all men by these presents that we James Place and John Sacks, both of Lower Smithfield Township in Northampton County and State of Pennsylvania, Farmers, for and in consideration of the sum of seventy five pounds of good and lawfull money of the State aforesaid to us in hand paid well and truely before the sealing and delivery of these presents by James Earl of Wioming, Northumberland County and State aforesaid the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge and . . . have granted bargained and sold unto the said James Erl, his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situated and laying in Lower Smithfield Township, County of Northampton and State aforesaid , where the said James Place now lives, adjoining Ebenezer Jayne and Isaac Bunel and John Sanders and \_\_\_\_\_ and Annanias Horentons containing eighty acres, be it the same more or less which Daniel Shumaker deceased sold to the said James Earl once, and the said Earl sold the same to us and we hereby give up all our rights, title and interest, property claim . . . unto the said James Earl, his heirs and assigns forever with all the improvements... We have herinto set our hands and seal this eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one

thousand seven hundred eighty six, 1786. The condition of this above deed of quit claim is such that if the above bounded James Place and John Sack, their heirs, executors, administrators or others of them shall well and truly pay unto the above named James Earl or his certain attorney, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns the just and full sum of seventy five pounds of good and lawfull money of Pennsylvania and that (sum is) by the first day of the year 1791 (due). . . Sealed, signed and delivered in the presence of Ebenezer Jayne and Dirck Van Vliet - Northampton County. Recorded the second day of February 1787.”

Note: This instrument was very difficult to read. It appears that James Earl had sold this land to James Place and John Sacks (in other documents in old records he is called John Sax) and then James Earl, in 1786, took a mortgage on this property, with yearly interest due to Earl, and the principle to be repaid in 1791. James Earl was living in Luzerne County in 1786.



***Commemorative Biographical Record  
Of the Counties of Rock, Green, Grant,  
Iowa, and Lafayette,  
Wisconsin,  
1901, page 6.***

“Harmon H. Earl, of Fennimore, is one of the few remaining pioneers of the northern part of Grant County. He was born in Windham, Portage County, Ohio, March 8, 1816, son of Robert and Lydia (Hubbell) Earl. His father was a native of New Jersey, and the Earl family was formerly from England, whence three brothers came in Colonial times, one of them settling in New Jersey, a second one in Virginia, and the other in New England. They have numerous descendants throughout the Union, and from them Harmon H. Earl is descended.”

“Robert Earl was one of five brothers, Jacob, Joseph, Robert, James, and Walter. The eldest of the family was Betsey, who married John Caldwell, and died in Ohio. Nancy married Thomas Lee and died in Iowa. Robert Earl married in Huntington, Penn., Lydia Hubbell, and located in Trumbull County, Ohio. In 1816 they settled in Windham, Ohio, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Earl died in the fall of 1849, and Robert married again, his second wife being named Bissell. He died in 1857. The record of Robert Earl is that of a man of upright character, and he was a faithful member of and a deacon in the Congregational Church. He was a farmer by occupation. Harmon H. Earl was the fourth in a family of nine children, four sons and five daughters. One of the sons, Adna, died in childhood, and the others all reached mature years. Harmon H. and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Cabaness, of Bloomington, Illinois, are the only children of their parents now (1900)

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living. Eber, the eldest son, died in Kentucky. Susan and Jane were twins; Susan married Harvey Millard in Ohio and died at her home near Spencer, Iowa; Jane married Frederick Palmer, and died in Missouri. Lydia married Daniel Richardson, and after his death married Rev. Mr. Wilson, a Congregational minister; she died in Kansas City, Missouri. Sarah married Daniel Howard, and died in Illinois. Aner, the fourth son, married Sarah Knott; he died in Litchfield, Minnesota., some years ago.”



***History of Magherafelt***

Published in 1916

By W. H. Maitland

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“So far as information can be obtained, it appears that to Knockclaughrim belongs the honor of having the first building which served as a Presbyterian Church in the district. It was situated at the north side of the hill, and services were first held about 1690. These were continued for a number of years, and members of that faith from Ballyronan, Magherafelt, Castledawson, Tobermore, and Maghera worshiped there. In 1836 the walls of the building were still in existence. The second church was erected in Maghera in 1695. In 1700 the Castledawson Presbyterian Church was organized from Maghera, the first Communion being held by Reverend John Tomb of Maghera on 9 August 1702. Reverend Tomb subsequently left the Church at Maghera and became the Reverend at Castledawson. Castledawson at that time was called ‘Dawson’s Bridge’. The Presbyterian Church in Magherafelt was organized in 1738.”

The oldest part of the current Presbyterian Church building existing at Knockclaughrim was erected in 1765, according to a sign embedded in the building in 1999. The cemetery is located up the hill, behind the church. Cabragh Townland, where Robert Arrell lived when his will was probated in 1747, is located about 300 yards southeast of the church.





***The Arrol, Arroll and Arrell Families***

By John Arroll

Edited by Robert N. Arroll

Produced by Penn and Ink, Berkeley, California

1994, page 17.

“The earliest documented mention of the name Arrol, or derivatives thereof, is the name of a small town of Errol in Scotland. Errol is located on the northeastern bank of the Tay estuary off the North Sea. Errol is described as being on the Carse of Gowrie, which is a low, flat, alluvial district, stretching along the northern bank of the Tay from Kinnoull Hill in Perthshire to the Dundee Law in Angus. It is flanked along its northern boundry by the Sidlaw Hills. For the most part the Carse is less than 50 feet above the sea. Here and there it is studded with mounds, which may rise to an elevation of over 100 feet, which provides sites for villages or hamlets. The parish of Errol sits on one such an elevation in the Carse of Gowrie.”

From this point of origin, the name of Arrol, Arroll, and Arrell spread to other parts of Scotland, and eventually to Ulster (Northern Ireland), where the name is most commonly found as Arrell, (although some families in Maghera Parish had changed to the Earle spelling by as early as the 1831 census) with the heaviest concentration in County Derry.





## NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Ernest Valentine Miller was a Private in Company E of the 160<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish American War. He never was in combat, and was ill during much of the time of his service, spending a significant amount of time while in Cuba in the US Army Hospital in Santiago.

<sup>2</sup> The 1790 census of Washington County, Pennsylvania shows John Earl with one female in the same household.

<sup>3</sup> The 1850 census of Lordstown Township of Trumbull County, Ohio gives her place of birth as Pennsylvania.

<sup>4</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of Wells County, Indiana: Embracing a Comprehensive Compendium of Local Biography, Memoirs of Representative Men and Women of the County Whose Works of Merit have made Their Names Imperishable, and Special Articles* by Hugh Dougherty et al., B. F. Bowen, Publisher, Logansport, Indiana, 1903, p 594.

<sup>5</sup> This date is calculated from his death date of 24 July 1850 at age 87 years and 7 months, as shown on his original tombstone. The 1850 census shows him to be 81 years old (born 1769) but is suspect because at that time, John and his wife had none of their children living in their household, but rather had a German immigrant family living there, who may well have given the census information. This census also said that John was born in Ohio, which although theoretically possible, seems very unlikely in view of the limited population of the Ohio Territory in the year 1762. John's residence in Washington County, Pennsylvania in 1790, and Charles E. Earl's death certificate indicate John was born in Pennsylvania. In addition, a search of the 1880 census, looking for the data from the children of John and Mary Earl, shows that five out of the seven children found stated their father had been born in Pennsylvania (the other two children said New Jersey).

<sup>6</sup> *History of Washington County, Pennsylvania, with Biographical Sketches of many of its Pioneers and Prominent Men*, edited by Boyd Crumrine, Philadelphia, 1882, p 794.

<sup>7</sup> *Historical Collections of the Mahoning Valley*, p 182

<sup>8</sup> *Resident Proprietors of the Western Reserve, Tax List of 1804*.

<sup>9</sup> *Biographical Memoirs of Wells County, Indiana*, p 593-594.

<sup>10</sup> The stone for Susannah Carnes at the Windham Cemetery in Portage County, Ohio shows her death on 24 May 1835 at age 81 years (born 1754). The sexton record lists her as Susanne Carn Earl. The *Henry R. Baldwin Genealogical Records* printed through the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, Ohio, 1963, state that Susannah was 84 years old at the time of her death in 1835 (born 1751).

<sup>11</sup> As the latest possible date for the birth of John and Susannah Ray Earl's son John, was 1769, it seems realistic to assume that John was at least 18 years old in 1769 and that he was born no later than 1751; of course, he may well have been born considerably earlier than 1751. The reasons for suggesting a birth in the region of Knockcloghrim are complex, and involve inductive logic drawing on several pieces of information. First, *Biographical Memoirs of Wells County, Indiana* mentions that John was an immigrant (although it says that he was an immigrant from England). Next, the 1800 census of Fallowfield Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania, shows John, James, and two Edward Earle men as heads of household. The John was the son of John and Susannah Ray Earl; the first Edward was at other times before and after 1800, known as Edward Arell and lived in Washington County until his death on 18 July 1830; the second Edward Arell had come to Fallowfield from Middle Smithfield Township, a part of Monroe County, Pennsylvania; the James was the son of the second Edward (James had gone to Shelby County Kentucky by 1810). The 1798 Federal Direct Tax of Fallowfield Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania shows both Edward and Susannah Errel. The latter was Susannah Ray Earl, and these records illustrate the variety of spellings of the name that occurred in this mostly illiterate society. This convergence of men and women of similar name suggests a family relationship, and that

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the surname Earl/Earle and Arrell/Errel are variant spellings of the same name. *History of Whiteside County, Illinois, from its First Settlement to the Present Time*, edited by Charles Bent, Clinton, Iowa, by L. P. Allen, 1877, pages 193-194, indicates that the Edward Arrell of Fallowfield Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania (the man who died in 1830) had come to America in 1774 from County Derry (Northern) Ireland. It seems reasonable to conclude that the John Earl who married Susannah Ray had also been an immigrant from County Derry. The Arrell name in the 18th century in County Derry was concentrated in the region around the town of Knockcloghrim, where the earliest Presbyterian Church in the area was founded about 1690. The names Earl and Arrell appear also to have been interchangeable in County Derry; the 1831 census of Tamnymullan Townland of Maghera Parish (next to Knockclaughrim in Termoneeny Parish) shows a David, three James, two John, and one Thomas Earle.

<sup>12</sup> The tombstone inscription for Jacob Earl at the Millican Cemetery in Omega Township of Marion County, Illinois shows a calculated date of birth of 2 June 1781. The 1850 census of Marion County, Illinois shows an age of 69 for Jacob with place of birth as New Jersey, which reinforces a birth year of 1781. *History of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches*, by H. Z. Williams, Cleveland, 1882, p 169 says "Jacob Earl was born in Essex County, New Jersey, and removed to Ohio, lived a short time in Braceville and in 1813 went to Windham Township, in which he erected the first frame house."

<sup>13</sup> *A History of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania from its First Beginnings to the Present Time; Including Chapters of Newly-Discovered Early Wyoming Valley History, Together with many Biographical Sketches and much Genealogical Material*, by Oscar Jewell Harvey and Ernest Gray Smith, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Four Volumes, completed 1929; from Volume Three, page 1332: "A list of settlers\* who are actual settlers now Present and claimers of the land" shows the name of John Earl. This is a list of claimants who held title through the authority of the (Connecticut) Susquehannah Company, and appears to have been made in 1783. Several

"Account Books" were made by the Susquehanna Company, and some confusion exists because of the existence of two different records called "Liber A". However, the Liber A which is known also as *Record of Conveyances, 1754-1798*, shows a handwritten record of a land transaction between John Earl and Elisha Satterlee. From the surviving record it is not clear whether John Earl was the buyer or the seller, however, large gaps exist in these Susquehanna Company records, and it is clear from a review of the surviving records that Elisha Satterlee found it impossible to prove his claim to any property in the land that is now Luzerne County, and later migrated north to what is now Bradford County, Pennsylvania. In the 1780s there were actually two separate governments operating in Luzerne County, one based on the State of Pennsylvania and the other on Connecticut. John Earl's title to land in Luzerne County appears to have been unsubstantiated, and this may have been due to his title being unprovable, similar to the predicament that caused Elisha Satterlee to abandon his claims in Luzerne County.

<sup>14</sup> This notion comes from the expectation that John Earl's land in Luzerne County probably was in the area where James Earl, who was related to John in a yet unknown relationship, later lived, starting no later than 1786. Please see later parts of this narrative regarding James Earl.

<sup>15</sup> *Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society*, Volume 5, Minisink Valley Reformed Dutch Church Records, New York, 1913, p 195. This page is from the Minisink-Machackemeck Church Record and states "Roberd born 4 December 1789". He was shown as a son of Ebenezer Earl and Susannah Ray, and the date of baptism was 30 June 1789, suggesting that the actual date of birth was in 1788 instead of 1789. The ministers of the Minisink Churches often made trips out into the wilderness to baptize children and to marry their parents, and this record of Robert's baptism likely may relate to a baptism actually performed in Luzerne County and then entered into the Minisink Record after the minister returned to his home church.

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<sup>16</sup> *Commemorative Biographical Record of the Counties of Rock, Green, Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette, Wisconsin*, 1901, p 6. This narrative states that “. . . Betsy (Earl) who married John (C) Caldwell, and died in Ohio”. The 1830 and 1840 census records for Palmyra Township of Portage County, Ohio show that Betsy (the wife of John C. Caldwell) was born 1794 or afterwards, and Betsy’s father, Ebenezer Earl, had died by 1798. It is possible that Susannah Ray Earl moved her family to Washington County, Pennsylvania after the death of her second husband Ebenezer Earl, in order to be near her grown son from her first marriage, John Earl. However, the evidence showing the birth of Nancy and Betsy Earl in Washington County, Pennsylvania, suggests that Ebenezer Earl also migrated to Washington County.

<sup>17</sup> Zophar Carnes served in several different New Jersey military units during the Revolutionary War. Tax records show that he lived in Pequannock Township of Morris County, New Jersey between 1779 and 1784 and then was taxed in Roxbury Township of the same county between 1785 and 1796. By 1800 he was married to Susannah Ray and living in Fallowfield Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania. He was taxed in Trumbull County, Ohio in 1804, and his will, probated there in 1807, named the children of Susannah Ray and Ebenezer Earl (Robert, Joseph, James, Walter, Betsy, and Nancy Earl) as “my children”, and named Jacob Earl (from the marriage of John Earl and Susannah Ray) as an administrator.

<sup>18</sup> *Reminiscences of George LaBar the Centenarian of Monroe County, Pennsylvania*, by A. B. Burrell, 1870, p 33. This reference states that in 1763 James Errel was a member of a militia that had been formed for the protection of that region of Northampton County (now Monroe County).

<sup>19</sup> In 1794 the northern part of Lower Smithfield Township was set off as Middle Smithfield Township.

<sup>20</sup> Martha Earl died in 1824 at Ellis Creek in Barton Township of Tioga County, New York. From her tombstone a birth date of

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31 March 1752 can be calculated. She was married about 1773 to James Swartwood, and their first child Mary was baptized in 1774; see *Minisink Valley Dutch Reformed Records, Walpeck Church Record*, p 26. James Swartwood died 22 January 1846 at Ellis Creek and according to his tombstone at Scotchtown Cemetery, Erin, Chemung County, New York, he was born 5 March 1751. His birth was in Lehman Township of Pike County, Pennsylvania, which is just north of Middle Smithfield Township of Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

<sup>21</sup> *Minisink Valley Reformed Dutch Church Records*, p 24 shows the baptism of Suffiah (Sophia) Earl, daughter and first child of James Earl and Susannah Love, on 30 August 1772. James had been shown as a "singleman" in the 1768 tax of Lower Smithfield Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania; thus his marriage occurred between 1768 and 1772. This same book showed the baptism of Susannah Love on 3 February 1751, daughter of James Love and Marya Van Garden, in the Walpeck Church Records. The last child of James and Susannah Love Earl to be found in the Minisink Records was Ebenezer, born 28 May 1789.

<sup>22</sup> *History of the Huntington Valley*, by M. L. T. Hartman, 1886, states that James Earl's wife in Huntington Township of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania was Susan Bird of Canaan, Connecticut. Susan died between 24 November 1819, when James and Susannah Earl deeded 54 acres of their Huntington Township land to their son Samuel Earl, and 20 September 1821, when James Earl alone deeded 53 acres of Huntington Township land to his son Ebenezer Earl.

<sup>23</sup> *Documents Relating to the Connecticut Settlement in the Wyoming Valley*, by William Henry Engle, p 639, "A list of the inhabitants which was plundered and ordered off the ground on pain of Death, and their houses burned over their heads; but are remaining at Wyoming." This list was felt to have been generated in 1784, and shows both James and Ebenezer Earl. Unfortunately, this list does not indicate the township where they lived.



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<sup>24</sup> This deed, in the form of a mortgage for 80 acres, was written under the authority of Northampton County, Pennsylvania on 9 September 1786, and recorded 2 February 1787. It was between James Earl “of Wioming” on the one part and James Place and John Sacks (Sax) of Lower Smithfield Township on the other part. The land adjoined land owned by Isaac Bunnel, and research at the Monroe County Historical Association in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania indicates that the Bunnel family lived during that time in an area of Middle Smithfield Township which was called “The Hollow”. The document states that this land was previously owned by Daniel Shumaker (who died in 1773).

<sup>25</sup> *The Susquehanna Company Papers*, edited by Julian P. Boyd and Robert J. Taylor between 1932 and 1971, in 11 Volumes. Page 169 of Volume 9 shows that James Earl signed a Declaration in 1787 in favor of the election of Justices of the Peace for the newly created County of Luzerne. The significance, however, is in the fact that most of the names above and below James’ name, when those names could be found on the 1800 census of Luzerne County, were located in Plymouth Township. Page 110 of this same Declaration shows that the signatures were gathered in “Shawnee”. This refers to “Shawney Town” which was so named because of the prior existence of a Shawnee Indian Village on the site. It was about 5 miles southwest of Wilkes-Barre, on the north side of the Susquehanna River, and corresponds to the present location of Plymouth Township of Luzerne County.

<sup>26</sup> See note number 22 above. It appears that James was making a disposition of his land in Huntington Township in 1819 and 1821, dividing it between 2 sons, probably in anticipation of his demise. He resided with his son Samuel in the 1820 census of Huntington Township, and likely died relatively soon after the last deed was made in 1821.

<sup>27</sup> The 1773 tax record for Lower Smithfield Township shows Ebenezer Earl as a “singleman” meaning that he was unmarried and at least 21 years old, therefore born before 1752.

<sup>28</sup> Nancy Earl was a daughter of Ebenezer Earl and Susannah Ray. In the 1850 census of Mahaska County, Iowa, Nancy Lee was 55 years old and was said to have been born in "Washington, D. C." The plausible conclusion is that this was not Washington, D. C. but should have been recorded as "Washington County, Pennsylvania". Nancy's tombstone at the Coal Creek Cemetery in Jefferson County, Iowa gives her death date as 6 November 1863, and birthdate as 15 October 1793. It can be concluded that Nancy was born 15 October 1793 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Ebenezer Earl had one more daughter, Betsy, who was born later than Nancy Earl. Betsy married John C. Caldwell and the census entries for Palmyra Township of Portage County, Ohio, in 1830 and 1840, allow one to calculate a birth date for Betsy which lies between 1794 and 1798. From all of these data we can deduce that Ebenezer Earl did live in Washington County, Pennsylvania after 15 October 1793, and that he died there before 1798, when his widow, Susannah Errel, was listed in the Federal Direct Tax of Pennsylvania.

<sup>29</sup> *Susquehanna Company Papers*, Volume 4, p 322.

<sup>30</sup> *Susquehanna Company Papers*, Volume 4, p 338-339.

<sup>31</sup> *History of Whiteside County, Illinois*, p 193.

<sup>32</sup> In the 1772 tax of Lurgan Township of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, he had to have been 21 years old to have appeared in the tax. Therefore he must have been born before 1751.

<sup>33</sup> *History of Whiteside County, Illinois*, p 193 "William Arrell, the brother of Edward, settled in Chambersburg, Pa. He had three sons and one daughter. Only one of his sons was married. The son John located near Poland, Ohio, where some of his descendants yet reside." There is a small error in this information, as the John Arrel who went to Poland, Ohio, was John A. Arrel and was actually the son of the brother David Arrel, not William.

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<sup>34</sup> *American Revolutionary Soldiers of Franklin County Pennsylvania*, compiled by Virginia Shannon Fendrick for the Franklin County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Chambersburg, Penna. pp 17-18, 69.

<sup>35</sup> The individual who will now be described has a good chance of having been the William detailed above, but cannot be absolutely shown to have been him. The Revolutionary War pension application for William Earle is rather extensive, and it states that he was a member of Colonel Broadhead's Regiment, attached to the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson; the document also implies a somewhat unclear relationship to Captain Henry Heath's Independent Virginia Company, which was stationed at Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) in 1777 and 1778. The pension application also includes a statement by a Peter Parchment, who was 80 years old at the time of his deposition in favor of the pension for William's widow, Sarah: "William Earle enlisted in 1777 and 1778 in Captain Henry Heath's Company, and for some time, said Company was stationed at Fort Pitt garrison, and attached to the 9th Virginia Regiment, commanded by John Gibson, and the said William Earle continued attached to the said Regiment until the deponent (Peter Parchment) left Fort Pitt attached to the 9th Virginia Regiment for Fort Mackintosh, and left said William Earle at Fort Pitt. The deponent understands that William Earle went from Fort Pitt with General Edward Hand either in capacity of a soldier life guard . . . and some few years say four years after the close of the War was married to the same Sarah Earle..."

In "William and Mary Quarterly", there is a record of Recruitment in February, 1777 at Winchester, Virginia for Captain Henry Heath's Independent Company, and the list includes both William and a Richard Earl. The record of Captain Heath's Independent Company, from the National Archives, shows the name William Earls on 5 April 1778, at Fort Pitt.

Again, of unknown significance is the fact that the Colonel Daniel Broadhead mentioned above was from Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania. *The History of Wayne, Pike, and Monroe Counties, Pennsylvania* notes that Colonel Broadhead "was in

most of the battles fought by Washington's army till 1778, when, being Colonel of the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, he was transferred by General Washington to the command of the Western Department, with his headquarters at Fort Pitt, where he remained till nearly the end of the War." "In the summer of 1776 he was commissioned a Lieutenant-Colonel, and on the 4th of July of that year was ordered by the Committee of Safety of Philadelphia to proceed with one Battalion of 500 riflemen to Bordentown, New Jersey, to be employed agreeable to a requisition of the Honorable Continental Congress." I have not yet found any evidence that a William Earle lived in Monroe County before 1776, but this information indicates it is possible that William had lived there, and came with Colonel Broadhead when he left Monroe County in 1776, to eventually join Henry Heath's Independent Company at Winchester, Virginia in 1777.

This particular William Earle did marry Sarah Redman in 1787 at the First Presbyterian Church of Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. By 1786 he was living in Pitt Township of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and by 1791 this Township had become Pitt Township of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. William died 25 October 1825 at Pittsburgh, and is buried at Trinity Church in Pittsburgh. His wife, Sarah died 9 July 1849 at Lauraville in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

<sup>36</sup> *Minisink Valley Reformed Dutch Church Records*, Walpeck Church Records, p 93.

<sup>37</sup> *The Dansbury Diaries: Moravian Travel Diaries, 1748-1755 of the Reverend Sven Roseen and Others in the Area of Dansbury, Now Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania*, translated by William N. Schwarze and Ralf Ridgway Hillman, Picton Press, Camden, Maine, 1994, p 84.

<sup>38</sup> *Old Dansbury and the Moravian Mission*, by Ralf Ridgway Hillman, 1934, pp 85.

<sup>39</sup> *Historical Collection of the Mahoning Valley*, published 1876, p 182 states that John, Ebenezer, and Moses Earl were brothers in Howland Township in February 1801. The 1827 estate settlement

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for Moses Earl in Trumbull County, stated that Moses was about 50 years old.

<sup>40</sup> Estate records show that Hugh Larrimore had died by November 1814 in Trumbull County, Ohio. He and Elizabeth Beck has at least 2 children: Polly Larrimore, who was taken into the Moses Earl family when Elizabeth Beck (Larrimore) married Moses in 1816, and a John Larrimore. Polly married Edward Earl (son of John and Mary Earl) on 26 June 1827 in Trumbull County. John Larrimore lived in Warren Township in 1830 and 1840. In 1826, he and an Ebenezer Earle were taxed together on a 160 acre parcel of land located in Sections 20 and 22 of Howland Township. An 1830 map (from *Trumbull County Ohio Cadastral Or Land Ownership Maps 1830-1840-1850*, edited by Ruth Allen for the Trumbull County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Whippoorwill Publications, Evansville, Indiana, 1985, page 17) shows land owners in Howland Township and erroneously labels the owner of this tract as "Lammon Earle".

<sup>41</sup> This Ebenezer was born before 1788, by which time his father, John Earl, had died, and his mother Susannah Ray had remarried. See also # 39 above.

<sup>42</sup> Ebenezer was alive in 1850, as he was mentioned in his father's will in that year. It is not known if the Ebenezer Earle shown in the 1850 census of the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi might be this man. That prisoner was 50 years old and said to have been born in New York State. A document of 30 March 1851 said that this Ebenezer was serving a 10 year sentence starting 30 November 1847, for slave stealing. There is a record of a marriage application 17 May 1830 in Wilkinson County, Mississippi for an Ebenezer Earle and an Elizabeth Ann Groom.

<sup>43</sup> The date for birth comes from census data, and the marriage date is from Trumbull County records; the two dates are only about 11 years apart, so the birth date likely should be earlier.



## CONCLUSION

One conclusion reached by carefully analyzing this information is that Fallowfield Township of Washington County, Pennsylvania, in the year 1800, is integral to our Earl ancestry. The Federal Census in that year shows that three men all known to have come from different places in the United States, had gathered in the same Township and indeed, lived close enough to each other that their names were found on the same page of the Census. Moreover, the census taker spelled all of their names "Earle" even though one, Edward Arrell, normally used the "Arrell" form of the name. Specifically, Edward Arrell had lived in Little Britain Township of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, then spent 1785 and 1786 in Luzerne Township of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and arrived in Washington County after 1786. The second man named Edward Earle arrived in Washington County after 1793, when his name was last found on the tax rolls of the place which is now Middle Smithfield Township of Monroe County, Pennsylvania. John Earle, my ancestor, was the third man and he arrived in Washington County by 1790. This convergence in Washington County is what allows us to tie these separate Earl groups together.

A second conclusion is that Susannah Ray is also a key figure in this genealogy. Until I realized that she had married both John and Ebenezer Earl, the link between these two branches of the family was unnoticed. However, the exact family relationship between John and Ebenezer remains unclear, leaving open the possibility that later researchers will resolve that question.

I want to thank the twenty-five people who have participated in the Earl Research Group. Their contribution to our common knowledge about our shared ancestors has

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made it possible to submit this work. Some of our group enjoy tracing the descendants of a particular ancestor as completely as possible, while others have concentrated on discovering earlier ancestors. These two approaches have complemented each other. This publication tries to do some of both, but is not intended to be exhaustive. I hope that it can be used as a point of departure for those just beginning to look into their Earl ancestry, and that those who make new discoveries will let me know about their success.

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